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FWS SETS UP NEW POSITION FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERIES WORK

Responsibilities of the Fish and Wildlife Service in administering an expanding program of commercial fishery activities have made it necessary to establish an additional position of assistant chief in the Branch of Commercial Fisheries, the U. S. Department of the Interior announced today.

This new position was filled this month by the transfer of Fred F. Johnson, from Honolulu, T. H., where he had served as assistant director of the Service's Pacific Oceanic Fishery Investigations since August 1948. Previous to that assignment he had been an assistant regional director in the Service's regional office in Portland, Oregon, for six months. Mr. Johnson, who has an extensive knowledge of the fishing industry and fishery economics, returns to a position which he formerly held for 13 years.

Mr. Johnson was first employed by the former Bureau of Fisheries as a statistical agent in 1920. In 1923 he resigned to enter the employ of the Standard Oil Company of California at San Francisco. In 1927 he returned to the Bureau of Fisheries and in 1929 took charge of the Bureau's statistical work. In 1934 he was appointed chief of a section devoted to the economics of the fisheries, and in 1941 he became assistant chief of the Branch of Commercial Fisheries. In April 1942 Mr. Johnson was called to active service in the U. S. Navy, with the rank of lieutenant. When he was released from active duty in September 1945 he held the rank of commander. He returned to his former position with the Service on December 14, 1945.

Richard T. Whitelcather is the other assistant chief of the Service's Branch of Commercial Fisheries, which is headed by Andrew W. Anderson.

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